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In the Application of:  
Vernon E. Rowe, et al.

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Filed: July 31, 2001

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Controlling Access to Memory

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§ Group Art Unit: 2185

§ Examiner: Unknown

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1. Response to Notice of Incomplete Reply;
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3. Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 CFR 1.137(b);
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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 02/27/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 09/10/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)**

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Dear Sir:

This response herein is responsive to the NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL) mailed on March 25, 2002, for a reply filed on the extended period for response of February 11, 2002 (as February 10, 2002 was a Sunday) to a Notice of Missing Parts. The six month unextendable period for response, however, was March 11, 2002 (as March 10, 2002 was a Sunday). Thus, by the time the Notice of Incomplete Reply was mailed on March 25, 2002, the application was already unextendably abandoned. As such, a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally is enclosed herein and reconsideration of the action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks:

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**REMARKS:**

Please append the following Abstract of the Disclosure to the end of application number 09/919,359 filed on July 31, 2001.

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING ACCESS TO MEMORY

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

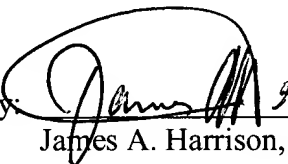
The present invention discloses an apparatus and a method for forming a protective layer around computer memory that allows access to specified external locations and applications only. A routine seeking access to the computer memory must be cleared for access by at least two different permission checking algorithms that work in conjunction to a database to determine whether access should be allowed. The invention protects the hard drive from unauthorized reading and writing by verifying permission definitions from a hard drive database and monitors startup files for changes from previous versions to prevent unauthorized control of the computer recourses at the outset of its operation upon power up. Additionally, the present invention will protect from unauthorized TCP/IP connections by verifying permissions from a TCP/IP permissions database.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the above remarks. Further, the Applicant's attorney invites the Examiner to call him at 214-902-8100 if doing so would facilitate resolution of the outstanding issues.

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